

prescribed courses (OPS, S&P, NSDM, ARP) as well as passing grades in the elective in order to fulfill the academic requirements for graduation. A grade of "B-" or better in each of the prescribed courses must be attained to fulfill requirements for the Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Within seven days of receiving a grade, students may request a review of that grade by the department chairman. On review, the grade may be sustained, lowered, or raised. A final appeal may be made to the Dean of Academics.

The top 5% of the students in a graduating class will be recognized as having graduated "With Highest Distinction" and such designation will be reflected in their fitness reports, in the commencement program, on the official transcript, and on their diploma. The next 15% of the class in rank order will be designated in the same manner as having graduated "With Distinction." Civilian students graduating in these categories also receive recognition in their letter reports.

Letter Grade	Numeric Range	4.0 Scale Equivalent
A+	97-100	3.88-4.0
A	94-96	3.76-3.87
A-	90-93	3.60-3.75
B+	87-89	3.48-3.59
B	84-86	3.36-3.47
B-	80-83	3.20-3.35
C	Below 80	3.19-Below

Grading Standards

Academic Integrity

Annex C defines the Academic Code of Conduct, which **students must follow in the production of written work** submitted to the Naval War College and provides procedures for dealing with violations of the code.

Non-attribution Policy

The Naval War College, as a part of its curriculum, provides students with a wide range of highly qualified and informative speakers. In order that these

speakers feel free to speak candidly, they are assured that what is said in lecture will not be repeated publicly outside the auditorium, regardless of classification. To repeat what has been said in lecture to others outside the War College environment risks calling the speaker to account publicly for his or her opinions and comments. This in turn could have the effect of stifling speakers, causing them to speak in a guarded manner. Ultimately the quality of education provided at the Naval War College would suffer. Hence, what speakers say during their lectures is not for attribution. This includes quoting previous guest speakers to follow-on guest speakers.

Awards

The many varied and prestigious awards available to the students provide an excellent opportunity for professional recognition. A short description is provided here as an overview.

The Navy League of the United States annually sponsors awards to two maritime service (USN/USMC/USCG/USMM) students graduating in June who demonstrate a high degree of academic, extracurricular and community service. The award given to the student of the College of Naval Warfare is known as the Stephen Bleeker Luce Award; the award given to the student of the College of Naval Command and Staff is known as the William Sowden Sims Award

The President's Honor Graduate Awards are presented every November and March to one student graduating from the College of Naval Warfare and another from the College of Naval Command and Staff. Similar to the Luce and Sims award winners in June, the President's Honor Graduates are chosen on the basis of academic performance and participation in College and community activities. However, unlike the Navy League Awards, the President's Honor Graduate Award may be given to any student, regardless of service or agency.

The Admiral Richard G. Colbert Memorial Prize is a cash prize (\$1,000) sponsored by the Naval War College Foundation and awarded to the student composing the best essay focusing on a strategic, military, political, economic, legal, or tactical aspect of an appropriate professional topic.

The J. William Middendorf II Award for Student Research is awarded to a student or group of students whose research project is considered to have made the most significant contribution in a field related to strategic or tactical concepts, logistics, or readiness. Recipients are presented a \$1,000 award sponsored by the Naval War College Foundation through the generosity of Ambassador Middendorf, a former Secretary of the Navy.

The Naval War College Foundation Award Prize is an annual award presented to the student who writes an essay considered to have made the most significant contribution to some aspect of maritime strategy or the operational level of warfare. A \$1000 cash prize is presented at the June graduation.